

Update to Flood Advisory Message:

“Flooding of low-lying areas still possible from forecast rain”

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April 27, 2011 – Rain forecast for tonight and into Thursday could be sufficient to raise water levels to flood stage in the Long Reach of the Rideau River between Kars and Kemptville. No other areas in the Rideau River watershed are expected to be affected.

Fortunately, the amount of rain that has fallen over the last two days has been in the lower end of the forecasted range. This has caused only a minor increase in flows in the Rideau system so far and no river source flooding has occurred.

The rain still forecast could be as much as 40 millimetres overnight. That amount of rain may cause water levels in the Long Reach to overtop the banks. However, the impact is expected to be minor with access only minimally affected in the low-lying communities of Hilly Lane, Cedar Beach and Rideau Glen. The peak elevation is expected to be reached early Saturday morning.

As always, we advise people to be cautious around the still cold and fast moving waters in ditches, streams and rivers throughout the watershed.

The RVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts and river conditions in the daily planning cycle of its flood forecasting and warning program. Based on those observations, either Watershed Conditions, Flood Advisory or Flood Warning messages will be issued as warranted.

If watershed residents would like to receive RVCA flood messages directly through e-mail, contact Andrea Larsen at andrea.larsen@rvca.ca or check our messages on Twitter or our webpage at www.rvca.ca.

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